



DIGEST OF CURRENT ECONOMIC STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA MARCH 1986

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7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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PRODUCTION

Month	Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720 W '000		Month	Coal (e) '000 tonnes
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
1984-85—																
December	22,560	38.8	9,227	9,916	33,538	40,281	552	552	455	476	29.4	34.6	151	158	December	7,292
January		35.6	9,389	10,258	31,802	39,309	511	507	330	493	11.8	33.9	88	195	January	8,581
February		35.1	8,806	9,864	32,702	38,439	451	500	444	461	31.5	33.2	193	201	February	8,207
March	22,451	41.4	9,860	10,104	36,119	37,907	537	521	477	457	35.6	33.1	195	190	March	11,504
April		41.5	9,346	10,052	33,588	36,886	494	518	447	467	28.9	33.3	155	188	April	10,152
May		45.6	10,561	10,065	40,321	36,444	549	522	529	476	38.9	33.2	182	198	May	13,169
June	23,850	38.8	10,878	10,063	43,621	37,267	544	540	480	470	37.4	37.0	169	181	June	11,937
1985-86—																
Four weeks ended(f)																
July		45.4	11,683	9,927	49,864	39,391	599	545	514	492	44.4	37.6	190	177	July 27	12,998
August		45.6	11,275	10,279	47,894	42,917	583	556	594	552	42.5	36.5	190	160	August 24	12,930
September	28,609	43.2	10,201	10,208	44,821	43,434	582	601	523	523	38.1	35.5	193	163	September 21	11,626
October		42.6	10,210	10,265	43,559	44,285	589	597	570	543	42.1	36.4	222	180	October 19	11,986
November		38.0	9,724	10,255	38,917	41,555	578	616	522	481	34.5	32.1	195	164	November 16	12,658
December	22,554	38.1	9,698	10,418	35,237	42,075	561	556	457	473	25.6	28.9	154	160	December 14	13,217
January		34.4	9,846	10,693	33,473	41,559	592	588	451	452	12.5	36.4	191	203	January 11	13,135
February		39.6	9,347	10,468	36,321	42,622	504	559	498	517	30.0	31.7	152	158	February 8	n.y.a.

(a) Gross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (B.M.R.). (b) Metallic contents of mine products. Source: B.M.R. (c) Available for issue through main; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state. (e) Excludes lignite. (f) Tasmanian production period one week earlier.

PRODUCTION—continued

Month	Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufac- turing division(a) (Base year 1968-69 = 100.0)	Whole milk intake by factories(b) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$ m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers(c)	Original	Seas. adj.
1984-85—															
December	2,767	3,356	623	793	11,113	14,362	p134	155	400.9	690	503	56,759	76.5	36,961	37,042
January	685	2,422	555	821	3,210	8,192	p153	164	402.0	599	515	42,889	80.0		
February	2,766	3,297	976	880	13,202	13,843	p154	163	405.2	438	513	45,525	75.1	37,815	37,842
March	3,850	3,096	923	868	14,257	12,974	p183	184	408.2	390	519	48,406	74.5		
April	2,735	3,025	680	690	11,506	12,526	p171	180	412.9	336	533	38,204	79.2		
May	4,383	3,378	945	937	15,086	13,331	p198	183	418.0	310	544	40,213	78.2		
June	3,317	2,847	751	883	14,506	12,748	p165	178	420.8	279	545	25,987	76.0	r39,151	r39,266
1985-86—															
July	3,793	3,474	877	835	15,301	13,420	179	168	422.7	342	496	55,086	81.6		
August	4,166	3,683	850	892	14,928	13,356	166	168	424.9	484	484	76,596	80.7		
September	3,491	3,099	707	744	13,682	12,675	166	162	425.5	652	486	106,725	81.3	p41,008	p40,785
October	3,338	3,291	734	589	16,445	14,444	195	168	426.1	789	493	117,212	77.9		
November	3,638	3,348	978	781	15,597	14,340	p187	p189	428.4	742	493	92,878	76.0		
December	2,248	2,787	602	718	11,020	14,000	p168	p190	p431.1	p678	p488	r59,262	75.6	p41,679	p41,763
January	1,291	4,215	r566	r856	4,532	11,295	p180	p196	p434.4	p603	p520	45,503	81.6		
February	3,418	4,057	1,016	916	13,857	14,547	p187	p197	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		

(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.0.

FOREIGN TRADE

FOREIGN TRADE									
Month	Value of total exports (a) \$m	Value of total imports (a) \$m	Values at average 1975-80 prices \$m		Export price index All groups (Base year 1974-75 = 100)	Import price index All groups (Base year 1981-82 = 100.0)	Balance of Payments— current transactions \$m		Official reserve assets (b) \$m
			Exports f.o.b.	Imports f.o.b.			Balance on goods and services	Balance on current account	
			Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.					
1984-85—									
January	2,228	2,347			214		-443	-1,235	11,918
February	2,315	2,710			224		-178	-41	13,130
March	2,390	2,843	r5,637	r5,389	231	125.2	-41	-243	13,130
April	2,910	2,483			241		-2	-277	13,988
May	2,949	2,460			243		-428	-251	14,041
June	3,122	2,620	r5,946	r5,449	246	r141.0	-255	-433	13,517
1985-86—									
July	2,720	3,221			241		-369	-1,448	12,499
August	3,116	3,072			238		-491	-978	12,774
September	2,784	2,812	r6,022	r5,621	237	r141.8	-410	-1,114	12,505
October	2,595	3,133			235		-443	-1,474	12,752
November	2,900	2,676			238		-553	-1,069	12,436
December	r2,632	2,844	5,818	5,872	238	146.6	-463	-1,179	12,133
January	r3,180	3,273			p235		-359	-262	12,133
February	p2,621	p2,662	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p235	n.y.a.	-443	-279	12,925
March	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	-519	-1,023	12,811

(a) Non-merchandise trade is excluded from export and import statistics. (b) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail sales(a)										New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered(c) '000	
	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. \$m		Food and drink \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture \$m		Other(b) \$m		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.						
1984-85—														
January	3,802	3,993							39.0	44.1	11.5	13.4		
February	3,517	3,943							43.5	46.6	12.8	13.8		
March	3,847	3,981	5,858	6,004	3,375	3,847	1,936	2,090	48.8	47.2	15.6	14.2		
April	3,846	3,997							42.0	45.0	14.3	15.0		
May	4,246	4,112							49.0	43.7	15.6	13.7		
June	3,809	4,137	5,943	6,103	3,953	3,976	2,000	2,138	42.1	41.6	15.6	14.6		
1985-86—														
July	4,066	4,201							46.9	42.6	14.8	12.9		
August	4,128	4,196							44.1	41.2	12.1	11.7		
September	3,989	4,281	6,169	6,361	3,883	4,081	2,129	2,241	42.6	44.9	11.9	13.0		
October	4,402	4,366							45.2	44.0	12.4	12.5		
November	4,581	4,366							46.5	48.4	12.2	13.3		
December	5,874	4,406	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p40.5	p41.9	p9.9	p11.2		
January	r4,280	r4,486							p33.7	p38.5	p9.8	p11.3		
February	3,937	4,413							p32.0	p33.6	p9.6	p10.5		
March	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p34.3	p33.8	p9.8	p9.9		

(a) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census; excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Other; excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (c) Compression light; commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Average weekly earnings of employees (%)		Average weekly ordinary time earnings, full-time adult persons (\$)	Index of minimum award rates of pay: full-time adult persons June 1976 = 100	Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities (Base of each index : Year 1980-81 = 100.0 unless otherwise stated)									
	All males	All females		Average weekly overtime hours per employee	All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education(s)	
1984-85—				202.8		135.9	133.5	128.1	140.2	137.6	140.9	150.5	120.8	116.9
December				202.8										
January	392.70	260.10	377.50	202.8	1.22	137.8	134.9	128.4	142.2	139.7	143.4	152.4	123.1	119.5
February				202.9										
March				206.0										
April	397.20	263.40	382.80	206.2	1.23	141.1	137.4	132.0	145.4	142.1	149.7	154.6	125.0	122.5
May				208.2										
June				208.2										
1985-86—				208.2										
July	403.10	265.00	387.90	208.2	1.18	144.2	139.9	133.6	148.7	145.0	152.9	159.0	128.5	125.9
August				208.2										
September				208.2										
October	413.90	268.40	396.90	216.0	1.30	147.1	143.2	138.1	152.2	149.3	153.8	162.8	130.2	127.6
November				216.0										
December				216.0										
January	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	216.0	1.25	150.5	146.1	139.0	155.0	152.1	159.0	167.5	133.5	131.2
February				216.0										

(a) Base of index series: March Quarter 1982 = 100.0.

BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$ m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units		Government building approved \$ m	Building commenced, total \$ m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Price indexes(a)		New fixed capital expenditure by private enterprises (\$m)(b)			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Materials used in building other house building (Base year 1966-67 = 100.0)	Materials used in building other than house building (Base year 1979-80 = 100.0)	New buildings and structures		Other new capital equipment	
												Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1984-85—															
December	1,247.4	1,337.6	11.9	13.5	333.0	3,623.9	3,748.5	39.3	38.7	477.1	154.5	1,158.8	1,008.2	3,037.3	2,921.0
January	1,010.1	1,250.1	11.6	13.7	151.8					478.5	154.9				
February	1,143.4	1,281.4	12.3	13.5	162.8	3,472.7	3,596.4	34.0	36.7	481.7	155.8	896.8	1,049.9	2,657.3	3,064.3
March	1,361.7	1,345.8	13.4	13.1	180.5					486.9	156.8				
April	1,281.0	1,344.0	13.4	13.4	200.2					491.9	158.3				
May	1,503.3	1,313.0	14.6	13.2	320.5					496.2	160.4				
June	1,423.8	1,414.8	13.3	13.4	193.2	4,175.6	4,143.3	39.2	38.4	496.8	161.1	1,102.8	1,072.7	3,592.9	3,241.3
1985-86—															
July	1,377.5	1,267.3	13.8	13.3	194.0					501.0	161.9				
August	1,623.4	1,564.0	14.1	13.5	433.5					505.0	163.0				
September	1,462.7	1,466.9	12.8	13.1	247.8	4,317.6	4,072.6	39.3	37.9	506.6	163.8	1,155.6	1,196.6	3,441.5	3,492.2
October	1,502.2	1,408.8	14.8	13.4	250.3					509.7	164.8				
November	1,532.1	1,549.9	12.7	12.3	252.5					p512.3	166.3				
December	1,261.5	1,284.3	10.8	11.8	341.5	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p514.1	167.6	1,553.2	1,345.8	3,533.1	3,406.6
January	1,204.7	1,507.6	10.1	12.5	289.5					p516.8	168.6	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
February	1,066.9	1,218.8	11.0	10.9	158.4					p519.3	170.1				

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities. (b) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction.

FINANCE

Month	Savings banks— depositors' balances (a) \$m		Major trading banks (a)				Housing finance for owner occupation secured commitments to individuals (c)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (e) per cent	Listed companies new money raised \$m	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m
	Original	Seas. adj.	Deposits \$m		Advances \$m		Banks \$m	Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (d) \$m			
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.						
1984-85—												
January	36,101	35,659	38,003	37,606	29,503	29,722	673	293	92	12.50		4,140
February	36,582	35,734	38,627	38,652	29,703	30,263	676	330	88	13.20		4,635
March	36,379	36,054	39,012	38,804	30,654	30,884	695	346	104	13.65	640.2	5,192
April	35,662	36,259	39,821	39,607	31,778	31,394	595	322	98	13.65		7,526
May	36,148	36,536	39,833	39,945	32,050	31,731	793	397	115	13.50		7,276
June	38,866	38,780	40,607	40,971	32,713	32,729	637	295	98	13.45	805.7	6,559
1985-86—												
July	38,619	39,040	42,098	42,235	33,771	33,685	811	324	110	13.35		4,737
August	39,132	39,298	42,175	42,641	33,809	34,037	723	279	113	14.45		5,499
September	39,105	39,313	42,894	42,870	33,912	34,024	702	243	105	14.30	n.y.a.	4,325
October	39,414	39,705	42,842	42,893	(f)37,255	(f)36,754	727	266	116	15.05		4,399
November	39,279	39,646	43,248	43,164	37,980	37,886	620	260	118	15.55		5,655
December	39,710	39,281	44,055	43,772	38,948	38,845	545	209	95	15.65	n.y.a.	5,609
January	39,104	38,598	43,660	43,402	38,472	38,762	544	150	100	14.65		5,738
February	39,738	38,799	43,788	43,965	38,970	39,705	506	156	100	14.15		5,631
March	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	44,549	44,389	39,823	40,107	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	13.30	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Excludes loans for alterations and additions. (d) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (e) This series is based on non-rebate bonds. (f) Break in series due to inclusion of certain foreign currency assets and liabilities not previously reported. For further information see *Major Trading Banks, Australia* (5603.0).

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS
(Rm)

(₹ crores)																				
Quarter	Gross domestic product				Gross farm product				Gross non-farm product				Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure			
									Private		Government		Private		Public					
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.				
AT CURRENT PRICES																				
1984-85—																				
September	49,462	50,327	1,366	2,140	48,096	48,187	29,893	30,187	8,398	8,684	7,260	7,284	3,596	4,012						
December	56,766	51,792	4,638	2,207	52,128	49,585	32,657	30,906	9,136	8,656	8,313	7,856	4,104	4,080						
March	50,230	52,815	1,626	2,292	48,604	50,523	30,819	31,965	8,358	8,953	7,141	7,905	3,816	4,407						
June	53,317	55,023	1,212	2,266	52,105	52,757	32,578	33,056	9,520	9,123	8,762	8,444	5,596	4,549						
1985-86—																				
September	56,126	57,090	1,469	2,179	54,657	54,911	33,820	34,070	9,057	9,373	8,724	8,687	4,099	4,563						
December	63,201	57,919	4,444	2,150	58,757	55,769	37,057	35,015	10,190	9,647	9,373	8,911	4,963	4,922						
AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES																				
1984-85—																				
September	32,886	33,476	1,557	2,145	31,329	31,331	19,975	20,197	5,437	5,617	4,939	4,943	2,300	2,564						
December	37,824	34,107	4,155	2,155	33,669	31,952	21,637	20,434	5,796	5,543	5,571	5,288	2,584	2,570						
March	32,309	34,213	1,638	2,270	30,671	31,943	19,982	20,778	5,319	5,645	4,695	5,187	2,379	2,745						
June	33,760	35,118	1,447	2,261	32,313	32,857	20,649	20,931	5,970	5,717	5,599	5,395	3,366	2,737						
1985-86—																				
September	35,056	35,595	1,557	2,039	33,499	33,556	20,907	21,094	5,516	5,702	5,365	5,333	2,398	2,668						
December	39,528	35,783	3,946	2,093	35,582	33,690	22,566	21,261	6,161	5,887	5,565	5,309	2,842	2,820						
AT CURRENT PRICES—continued																				
Quarter	Imports of goods and services				Exports of goods and services				Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Wages, salaries and supplements		Income of firm unincorporated enterprises		Other household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income	
									Companies		Other									
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.				
1984-85—																				
September	9,904	9,371	8,185	8,128	6,274	6,213	11,245	11,623	26,111	26,435	249	41,504	7,121	34,632						
December	9,171	9,354	7,885	7,980	7,356	6,617	15,230	12,041	28,060	26,897	3,316	45,991	6,904	42,403						
March	9,142	9,540	8,210	8,535	5,872	6,552	11,417	12,512	26,107	27,160	413	42,023	7,482	34,954						
June	10,727	10,689	10,044	9,780	6,610	6,749	10,877	12,743	28,325	28,237	34	47,140	12,546	34,628						
1985-86—																				
September	11,767	11,119	9,797	9,767	7,775	7,696	13,054	13,306	28,083	28,564	233	45,797	7,670	38,360						
December	11,573	11,793	9,474	9,553	8,025	7,228	16,637	13,480	31,323	29,833	3,002	51,574	7,670	46,906						

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for services of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

**LABOUR FORCE SURVEY(a)
(PERSONS)**

**SURVEY
OF JOB
VACANCIES
(b)**

Month	Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)				Unemployment rate-per cent		Participation rate-per cent		Number of job vacancies ('000)
	Full-time workers		Total		Looking for full-time work		Total		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.					
1984—													
December	5,469.7	5,405.6	6,623.6	6,552.9	527.1	510.4	627.1	607.8	8.6	8.5	61.2	60.4	
1985—													
January	5,402.4	5,419.0	6,437.4	6,570.0	572.6	519.2	657.6	615.1	9.3	8.6	59.8	60.5	55.0
February	5,435.7	5,430.3	6,376.3	6,604.0	576.4	516.6	673.6	608.1	9.3	8.4	61.0	60.7	
March	5,451.9	5,433.1	6,634.5	6,393.3	556.4	528.3	671.7	627.5	9.2	8.7	61.4	60.7	
April	5,380.0	5,403.3	6,564.8	6,580.1	510.7	511.1	614.2	608.8	8.6	8.5	60.3	60.3	
May	5,426.8	5,437.4	6,632.3	6,628.2	503.6	505.9	607.7	604.8	8.4	8.4	60.7	60.6	56.6
June	5,421.7	5,442.7	6,631.9	6,638.9	512.0	526.3	606.7	622.4	8.4	8.6	60.6	60.8	
July	5,472.1	5,459.9	6,674.5	6,660.9	476.7	504.7	565.7	600.6	7.8	8.3	60.5	60.7	
August	5,439.2	5,494.9	6,646.1	6,692.8	486.8	502.5	571.2	598.8	7.9	8.2	60.2	60.9	
September	5,547.7	5,515.4	6,783.9	6,736.9	482.5	494.5	587.7	590.9	8.0	8.1	61.4	61.1	51.8
October	5,496.6	5,501.0	6,740.1	6,720.5	443.8	481.5	533.1	575.0	7.3	7.9	60.5	60.7	
November	5,562.4	5,564.5	6,848.8	6,808.3	442.5	479.1	541.1	587.4	7.3	7.9	61.4	61.4	
December	5,638.9	5,571.7	6,875.8	6,802.9	484.4	473.1	589.4	574.2	7.9	7.8	61.9	61.2	
1986—													
January	5,603.6	5,621.4	6,719.0	6,862.8	529.6	479.3	623.2	583.3	8.5	7.8	60.8	61.6	59.0
February	5,638.8	5,634.0	6,872.4	6,855.8	548.8	491.5	663.2	600.1	8.9	8.0	61.9	61.6	

(a) Estimates derived from the labour force survey part of monthly population survey, which is based on a sample of dwellings and covers about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia. For further information see *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). (b) Estimates derived from a survey of private sector employers and government agencies. For further information see *Job Vacancies, Australia* (6231.0).

**EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, STATES AND TERRITORIES(a)
PERSONS ('000)**

Month	Australia												
	Government												
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Private	Common-wealth	State(b)	Local	Total
1984—													
October	1,832.9	1,426.0	770.9	452.3	463.1	141.1	49.5	110.2	3,562.4	423.6	1,106.0	153.9	1,683.6
November	1,834.3	1,433.4	773.4	454.6	467.5	143.2	49.4	111.6	3,588.1	425.9	1,100.2	153.2	1,679.3
December	1,835.8	1,429.4	769.0	456.3	464.4	142.6	49.0	110.6	3,593.8	427.0	1,083.4	152.9	1,663.3
1985—													
January	1,818.3	1,413.3	760.3	443.1	456.6	139.3	48.9	108.1	3,568.6	427.3	1,042.5	149.6	1,619.4
February	1,847.5	1,444.7	777.1	448.8	464.6	142.1	49.0	110.3	3,626.2	429.0	1,077.0	152.0	1,657.9
March	1,855.7	1,458.8	780.9	453.3	471.3	144.8	50.3	111.7	3,639.8	431.8	1,104.5	152.8	1,689.1
April	1,863.8	1,466.2	787.7	459.0	477.7	145.4	52.1	112.6	3,663.0	432.6	1,116.1	152.9	1,701.6
May	1,850.9	1,465.2	797.3	462.1	479.3	145.8	53.2	113.3	3,675.8	484.4	1,102.9	153.8	1,691.1
June	1,865.4	1,470.2	796.4	462.7	479.0	141.9	52.6	113.5	3,669.2	434.3	1,123.6	154.7	1,712.5
July	1,853.0	1,479.0	786.1	466.6	477.8	141.7	53.8	111.7	3,651.2	429.8	1,134.0	154.8	1,718.6
August	1,854.7	1,485.6	790.9	467.3	481.2	141.9	54.1	111.6	3,671.5	429.7	1,130.4	155.8	1,716.0
September	1,850.1	1,489.5	794.2	465.9	482.7	142.8	54.9	111.5	3,678.0	429.9	1,127.7	155.9	1,713.4
October	1,897.4	1,503.1	800.3	466.2	493.7	145.1	56.3	112.9	3,757.2	431.1	1,131.0	155.7	1,717.8
November	1,915.2	1,516.4	805.4	468.4	495.6	146.7	56.4	113.8	3,796.5	432.3	1,133.3	155.9	1,721.5
December	1,913.7	1,518.4	798.9	466.3	498.3	146.7	54.3	114.2	3,810.4	432.9	1,112.7	154.9	1,706.4

(a) Results of sample survey of approximately 20,000 private employers selected from the ABS register of businesses. Data from all Government Employers is collected. For further details see *Employed Wage and Salary Earners Australia* (6248.0) and *Information Paper: New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime* (6256.0). Excludes wage and salary earners in the private sector employed in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, hunting, private households and members of the permanent defence forces. (b) Includes the Northern Territory Government.

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